

3BCT Trains the Iraqi Police

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BAGHDAD, Iraq - As a part of ongoing Multi-National Force efforts to improve security in Baghdad, the 1st Cavalry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team provided four days of professionalism and tactics instruction to local Iraqi Police leaders that ended Sept. 1.

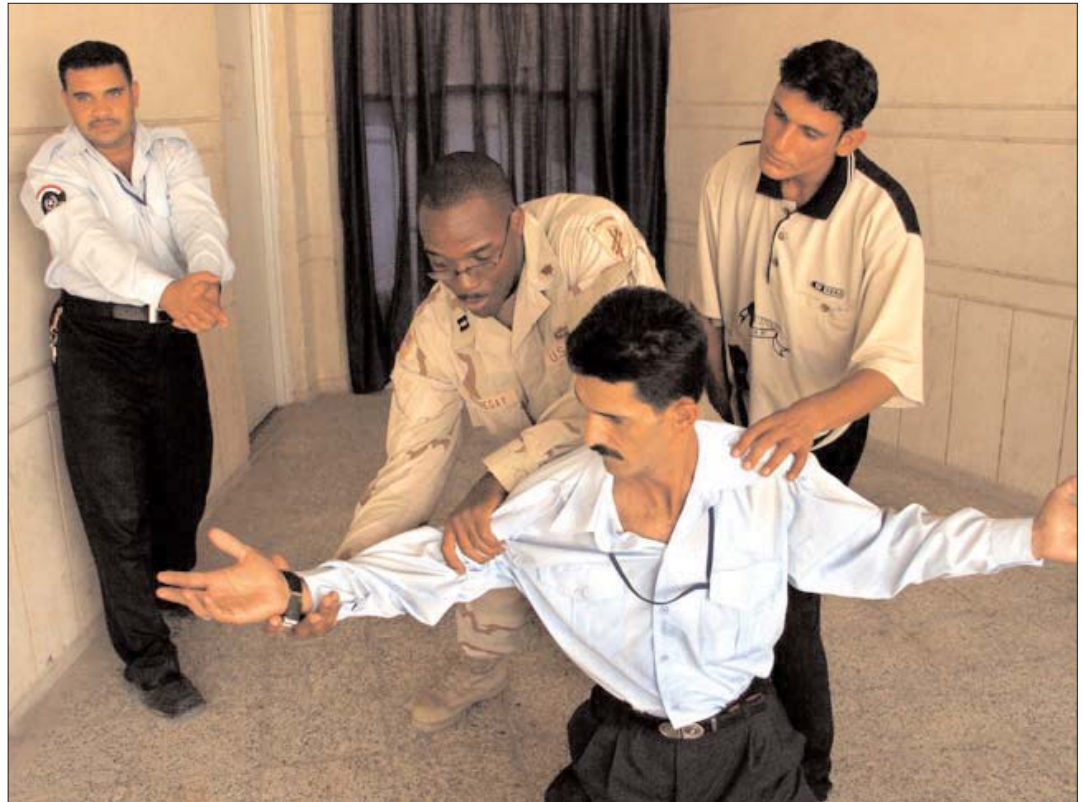
As a part of a Leader's Operational Assistance and Development (LOAD) course, the policemen were trained on techniques of building clearing, arrest and search, public image, professionalism, and the operational planning process.

"I feel very good about the Iraqi Police force based on the leaders I've seen here today," said Lt. Col. Thomas MacDonald, commander of 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment. "These leaders will be able to influence hundreds of Iraqi Policemen."

MacDonald also spoke of the importance of interaction between Multi-National and Iraqi Security forces.

"By conducting training together we develop a relationship together," he said. "The security of Iraq during the future elections relies greatly on the cooperation of Iraqi security forces and the coalition," he said.

The LOAD class was conducted by members of the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion, a Florida-based Army



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Capt. Reggie Kornegay of the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion shows the proper way to handle a suspect while searching for concealed objects.

Reserve unit attached to the battalion and operating in central Baghdad.

Additional units provided cadre for the training, including Company C, 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment, an Arkansas Army National Guard unit

"The purpose of the LOAD class ... was twofold," said, Capt. Reggie Kornegay, 478th CA officer in charge of the training. "One is to help with the professional development of the [Iraqi Police] service. That needs to start with their leadership. The second purpose was to build

the relationship of the Iraqi Police and Multi-National Forces."

The technique of community policing was one of the subjects covered in the course in an effort to improve the rapport between the Iraqi Police and the people who they serve.

With the threat of being killed part of these policemen's everyday life, their relationship with the community not only determines whether or not they can do their job effectively, but also whether or not they will live at all.

"One of the lessons learned in the class was to get them to understand that the way that they treat the public has a direct effect on their survivability on the streets," Kornegay said. "It's very dangerous out there for them, so gaining the support of the people that live in Baghdad will help them gather intelligence and take actions against the terrorists in the neighborhoods. If they can build a relationship with people in the neighborhood it makes it harder for the terrorists to use the people against them."

First Team Improves Power Distribution in Baghdad

By Capt. Jill Caliri,
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BAGHDAD, Iraq - The 8th Engineer Battalion and the neighborhood of Zafaraniya celebrated the completion of the first major infrastructure project a 33 kilovolt electrical line from Baghdad South Power plant to the Asbast Substation.

The line greatly improves electrical service to Zafaraniya and Sindibad and provides electricity to neighborhoods that did not have it before.

The first step of the project was installing support poles across the three kilometer stretch so the lines could be strung high to prevent vandalism and line tapping, a common problem in all of Baghdad.

The lines double the power output of the substation, significantly boosting electricity to the neighborhoods serviced. The project took nearly three months, costing \$145,000 and employing 50 local laborers. The completion of this project



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Local laborers work to install power lines that will serve the Baghdad neighborhood of Zafaraniya as a part of a Multi-National Force project designed to increase power distribution in the area.

ect comes at a time when the people of Baghdad are tired and want electricity restored. For every three hours the power is on in Zafaraniya, it is off for the next three, affecting quality of life in the area.

In a place where temperatures reach over 120 degrees, being without fans and air conditioning can be unbearable. Polls of Baghdad resi-

dents list electricity as the number one frustration, even over the security situation.

Multi-National Forces, alongside the new interim Iraqi government, are working hard to improve power generation and distribution. Years of neglect to infrastructure outside of the living area of supporters to former Iraqi dictator Sadaam Hussein have left most in Baghdad with unreliable electrical service, broken sewer systems, contaminated drinking water and a build up of trash.

Zafaraniya has been a focus area for the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, according to 8th ENG Commander Lt. Col. Brian Dosa.

"It immediately struck us as an area that had been neglected by the former regime," he said. "We saw the linkage between the very poor services and the fact it was a hotbed for anti-Iraqi force operations. We tried to attack the problem with conventional military operations as well as shaping operations by improving infrastructure and basic services."

Poetry

I Run for the
Soldier

By Sgt. Charles Harding
15th PSB

*I run for the Soldiers,
who can't run, no more
Or walk the way, they did
before
I Live and breathe, all
their memories
of Soldiers passed, who
are here, no more*

*Old Soldier, old Soldier!
Tell me again.
The people you've known
And the places you've
been
How do I deal ,
With the loss of my men
And what do I tell, their
next of kin*

*Honor the Soldiers
Who have passed away
By leading the living
When you train and pray*

*Tomorrow is not prom-
ised
So, seize the day!
And let the sweat, of gain
Wash the pain away*

*We run for the Soldiers,
who can't run, no more
Or walk the way, they did
before
Live and breathe, all their
memories
Of soldiers passed, who
are here, no more*

Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

See you soon.
ilaal liqaa

Monday
High: 94
Low: 70



Tuesday
High: 96
Low: 72



Wednesday
High: 98
Low: 74



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News Notes

LA Conducts Disaster Evacuation Drill

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Two days before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Los Angeles held its largest-ever disaster drill, evacuating about 10,000 people from downtown buildings. Workers were ushered out of City Hall, police department headquarters and other government buildings Thursday to designated safe areas. As many as 20,000 people had been expected to take part in the drill but many employees stayed home, authorities said. Workers had been notified of the drill far in advance and some brought bag lunches, lawn chairs and even portable video game consoles.

Chicago Installs New Surveillance

CHICAGO (USA Today) - A surveillance system that uses 2,000 remote-control cameras and motion-sensing software to spot crimes or terrorist acts as they happen is being planned for the city. If that sounds a little like Big Brother is watching, he might be. "Cameras are the equivalent of hundreds of sets of eyes," Mayor Richard Daley said Thursday. "They are the next best thing to having police officers stationed at every potential trouble spot." Neither the courts nor the American Civil Liberties Union have objected to cameras in public places, saying there is no expectation of privacy on a city street.

That Feeling of Security

DALLAS (Dallas Morning News) - It's 6 a.m. at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. Federal security screeners are already faced with streams of passengers. Outside, amid the exhaust fumes of idling limousines, passengers hug their loved ones. No longer can they say goodbye at the gate.

They check in and roll suitcases to the minivan-sized explosive-detection machines that now crowd terminal lobbies. They line up for security checkpoints and remove their keys, shoes, bag - laptop from the bag - and get screened.

The experience of the 156,000 daily passengers at D/FW Airport has changed considerably since Sept. 11, 2001. The unprecedented terrorist attacks on that day forced an overhaul of the



Dallas Morning News

Karen Carter of Double Oak, Texas, watches her mother pass through a security screening area.

nation's airport security system, bringing higher-paid government screeners, more thorough checks and a lengthy set of restrictions.

"It's a very positive thing. I want to feel a little

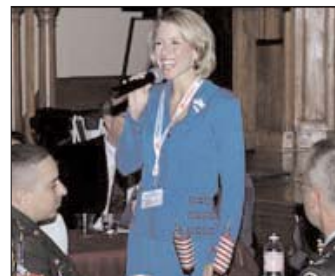
more secure when I travel," said Joanne Klausner as she waited in line before her flight to Norfolk, Va. "I can remember traveling years ago when they barely asked you for identification."

Miss America Visits Wounded

WASHINGTON (Army News) - Fifty-two Miss America contestants came to Walter Reed Army Medical Center Sept. 4 to share lunch with service members who were injured in the Global War on Terrorism.

The contestants stopped at Walter Reed on their way to Atlantic City, N.J., where they began two weeks of competition for the 50th annual pageant, scheduled to culminate with television coverage Sept. 18.

At Walter Reed, contestants met Soldiers in the reception hall of the old Red Cross building where eight-inch American flags, flanked by state flags, adorned 20 tables. About 30 patients, family members and friends sat with contestants from their home states. As they



Army News

Miss Nebraska, Brook Matthews, speaks to patients and their families at Walter Reed Army Medical Center Sept. 4.

ate, they discussed topics like life in the military and trivial facts about their home states.

One at a time, the contestants stood up to tell everyone a little about themselves, the state they were from and to thank the Soldiers for their service to the country.

"We in Alabama appreci-

ate your service and everything you do for this country, and I thank you very much," said Deidre Downs, Miss Alabama. She pointed out that her hometown of Birmingham has the longest and oldest Veteran's Day parade in the country.

Each contestant presented a gift to Walter Reed's patient recreation center - ranging from books to audio tapes.

Miss Alyssa Spellman of New Hampshire said she hopes her gift to the Soldiers would be an inspiration to them as they recover at Walter Reed and later at their homes.

"Thank you so much for having us here," Spellman said. "I truly appreciate each and every one of you for what you do for our country."

Alan Jackson Gets Down Home

NASHVILLE (Reuters) -- As the release of a new album approaches, most artists begin to wax philosophical about art, life and the messages they hope to convey with their music.

In discussing his new album, "What I Do" (Arista Nashville), released Sept. 7, Alan Jackson takes a more down-home approach.

"My wife said every song I write has either food or cars in it," Jackson says with a laugh. "I said, 'I write about what I like.'"

In truth, Jackson's musical contributions during his 15-year career cover a much broader range of topics. From the poignant post-Sept. 11, 2001, ballad "Where



Reuters

Jackson's music covers a variety of emotions.

Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)" to the fun-loving "Chattahoochee" to the wistful nostalgia of "Remember When" to his current hit love song "Too Much of a Good Thing," Jackson has con-

tinually served up songs that strike a universal chord with audiences.

His warm, heartfelt baritone and ability to write or find great songs have placed Jackson at the top of the format. He's the Country Music Assn.'s reigning entertainer of the year.

"What I Do" is a musical feast that includes both lighter fare such as "If French Fries Were Fat Free" and "The Talkin' Song Repair Blues" as well as such meaty tracks as "You Don't Have to Paint Me a Picture" and "Monday Morning Church." The latter is one of the most potent ballads in country music since George Jones' "He Stopped Loving Her Today."

Neumann Wins Pole for Richmond Race

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) -- None of the 20 poles Ryan Newman has won in his short NASCAR career are as important as the one he earned Friday at Richmond International Speedway.

Newman will start Saturday night's Chevrolet 400 from the front spot, the perfect place to be for the last event before NASCAR resets the field and begins the 10-race playoff.

Newman, who qualified first with a lap at 128.700 mph in his No. 12 Dodge, is currently in eighth place in the standings. But he's clinging to that spot, and the slightest mishap could send him spiraling out of the top 10 and disqualify him from racing for the Nextel Cup title.

"Not knowing how the race is going to start, it could be the most pole we've

had if there's a big crash in the middle of the field on the first lap or something crazy like that," Newman said.

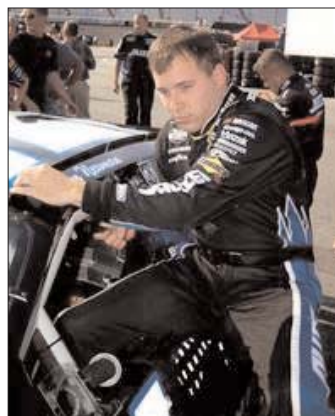
NASCAR begins its new points system at the conclusion of Saturday night's race. The top 10 in the standings, and anyone within 400 points of the leader, will have their points total reset into five-point increments.

Only those drivers will be eligible to race for the Nextel Cup title over the final 10 events of the year.

The pressure is clearly on.

Only five drivers are currently locked in - points leader Jimmie Johnson (qualified third), Jeff Gordon (ninth), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (14th), Tony Stewart (15th) and Matt Kenseth (16th).

After that it will be a



AP

Ryan Newman climbs out of his car after posting a lap of 128.700 mph Friday to win the pole for Saturday's Chevy Rock and Roll 400 NASCAR race.

scramble under the lights on Richmond's .75-mile D-shaped oval, where the racing is usually rough, drivers are aggressive and frustrations are quick to boil over.

Sports Shorts

Ark., Texas Rivalry Could go Extinct

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) -- Arkansas and Texas first played football against each other in 1894. Now, after 110 years, the series that helped define the old Southwest Conference is about to go back into indefinite hibernation.

But first Texas and Arkansas will meet Saturday night in a game that will mark the 35th anniversary of the rivalry's most storied moment - The Big Shootout of 1969. But Saturday closed out a home-and-home agreement between the teams. And with major college programs locking in schedules years in advance, it could conceivably be at least a decade before the 'Horns and Hogs get together again.

AFL Team For Sale on Ebay

(NBC) -- The Arena Football League's Indiana Firebirds may not be done just yet. According to ESPN.com., Dave Lageschulte, the team's owner put the franchise up for bid on eBay on Thursday night as a last-ditch effort to sell the team. As of Friday afternoon, one person had matched the minimum opening bid of \$1 million, though the auction reserve price has not been met. The winner of the auction, which will close on Sept. 16, receives the AFL rights to the Indiana market, the team assets and the lease at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.